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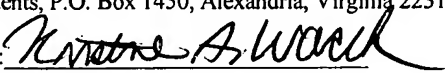
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AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 14, 2005 and the Advisory Action mailed August 22, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. While reserving all rights to file future continuation applications with the canceled claims, claims 29–30 are canceled. Claim 18 is amended to add a “whereby” clause to clarify the consequences of previously claimed structure. Claim 18 is also amended to add clarifying structure.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.